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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR SAUDI STUDENTS

REF DHAHRAN 1273, STATE 247144

1. POST'S POLICY ON ANNOTATED B-2 VISA ISSUANCES WILL BE FOLLOWING:

A. PRIVATE SAUDI STUDENTS WHO CAN DEMONSTRATE THEY HAVE VALID REASONS FOR NOT POSSESSING I-20, AND URGENCY OF NEED FOR ALTERNATIVE VISA CONSIDERATION.

B. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED STUDENTS WITHOUT I-20S RECOMMENDED BY SAG THROUGH NOTES, LETTERS, MEMORANDUMS ETC. FOR VISA CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF URGENCY. UNTIL JANUARY SUCH AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE ASSUMED TO DENOTE URGENCY.

2. DEPARTMENT IS BEING ADDRESSED CONCERNING THE PROBLEM OF PRESSURE FOR ALTERNATIVE VISAS AFTER JANUARY AND WHAT POST RESPONSE SHOULD BE. WE CONTEMPLATE SUGGESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAKE IT KNOWN TO SAG THAT THIS IS POSITIVELY THE LAST PERIOD OF ACCOMODATION ON SAG STUDENT VISAS AND THAT AFTER JANUARY SAG STUDENTS WILL ABSOLUTELY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO OBTAIN F OR J VISAS THROUGH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION,

AND CANNOT COUNT UPON RECEIVING ANY OTHER TYPE OF ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION.

3. WE PERCEIVE THAT AN INFORMATION SHEET HAS SOME ADVANTAGES BUT ARE NOT CONSIDERING ISSUING ONE AT MOMENT AS THIS MAY TEND TO BUTTRESS SAG SUTDNET ANTICIPATION AND EXPECTATION OF OBTAINING B-2 PROSPECTIVE VISA AS A SPECIAL PRIVILEGE AND UNDERCUT DISCIPLING THEM TO OBTAIN F AND J DOCUMENTATION. CURRENT GENERAL INFORMATON SHEET FOR STUDENTS, FORM DSL-857 WITH ADMONITION TO APPLICATNS THAT IN FUTURE APPLICATION THEY MUST ADHERE TO ITS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD SERVE IN LIEU OF SPECIAL INFORMATION SHEET. THIS WILL ALSO ASSIST IN ALLOWING US TO PRESERVE THE EMERGENCY, DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL DISPENSATION EFFECTS CONNECTED WITH THE USE OF THE B-2 PROSPECTIVE CLASSIFICATION. WE DO NOT WANT TO ADVERTISE THAT WE ARE GIVING SAUDIS SPECIAL TREATMENT OR THAT WE ARE DILUTING OUR REQUIREMENTS. FOR SAG EDUCATIVE PRUPOSES IT PROBABLY BEST TO USE B-2 PROSPECTIVE AS AN IN-HOUSE TOOL OF FLEXIBILITY ON AS SELECTIVE BASIS AS POSSIBLE WHILE INSISTING AT ALL TIME THAT SAG STUDENTS PRESENT PROPER STUDENT DOCUMENTATION. PERHAPS WORD OF OUR DEMAND WILL GET AROUND AND AID IN CONDITIONING SAG FOR THE POST JANUARY PERIOD.
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